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Securities and Exchange Commission Office of International Corporate Finance 450 Fifth Street N.W. Washington DC 20549 United States of America



Dear Sir/Madam,

#### RE: **WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD. - EXEMPTION FILE NO. 82.2280**

In accordance with Rule 12g 3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, we enclose a copy of the following Stock Exchange Releases which has/have recently been filed with the Australian Stock Exchange ("ASX") in relation to:

Drilling Report - WA-271-P (Falcone-1A), lodged with the Australian Stock Exchange on 25 January 2005.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could return by fax (+61 8 9214 2728) a copy of this letter as proof of receipt.

Yours faithfully WOODSIDE PETROLEUM LTD.

Rebecca Sims **Compliance Officer**  FEB 18 2005

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# **ASX ANNOUNCEMENT**

(ASX: WPL)

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## WA-271-P FALCONE-1A

Woodside Energy Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Woodside Petroleum Ltd., operator of the WA-271-P Joint Venture, reports that the Falcone-1A exploration well in the Exmouth Sub-basin is preparing to drill ahead in 12¼ inch hole at a depth of 2,088 metres.

The 'Jack Bates' semi-submersible rig is drilling the well. The well is approximately 60 kilometres west southwest of the Enfield oil field. Water depth at the location is 1,395 metres.

All reported depths (except water depth) are referenced to the rig rotary table.

Joint venture participants in WA-271-P are Woodside Energy Ltd. (60%) and Mitsui E&P Australia Pty Ltd (40%).